

RECOGNIZING THE GARLAND WELLNESS INITIATIVE

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the City of Garland as well as the organizers and participants of the Garland Wellness Initiative pilot program. This innovative new program encourages healthy lifestyles and physical fitness in an effort to offset rising healthcare costs.

For several months, 30 participants have undergone physical exams, blood tests, and met weekly to discuss eating habits, nutrition, exercise, and preventative healthcare options. As a whole, the group lost over 700 pounds and several applicants were able to reduce or eliminate diabetes and hypertension medications. The group reported significant reductions in their sugar consumption and a large portion felt an overall increase in energy.

The Wellness Initiative pilot program proved to be a cost-efficient way to advocate healthy lifestyle choices. Participants in the program were able to see savings in their medical care drop by approximately \$400 per person.

Today, I also want to provide special recognition to two outstanding individuals, Rick French, the Benefit Manager for the City's Human Resource Risk Management Department, and Marcia Upson, a family nurse practitioner, who came together to create the Garland Wellness Initiative and helped make the pilot program such a tremendous success.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF DOLORES C. HORNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dolores C. Horner; and

Whereas, Dolores C. Horner was born on May 17, 1930, in Bridgeport, Ohio; and

Whereas, Dolores C. Horner was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Horner, to whom she was devoted and dearly loved; and

Whereas, Dolores C. Horner was an adoring daughter, sister, wife, and mother to the members of her family. She was the mother of six, a son Richard W. Horner and five daughters, Louise C. Matusik, Sharlene M. Howard, Phyllis J. Grubb, Judith R. Works, and Robyn L. Shaheen. Dolores C. Horner was a dedicated grandmother to seventeen and great-grandmother to thirty-four; and

Whereas, Dolores C. Horner was a faithful member of Riverview Bible Church in Wheeling, West Virginia; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which Dolores C. Horner gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Dolores C. Horner.

IN HONOR OF DR. JULIUS ZOLTAN NADAS, LEADER OF THE HUNGARIAN WORLD CONGRESS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Julius Nadas, international advocate of human rights and freedom, and dedicated protector and preservationist of the history and culture of Hungary. I also rise in tribute and celebration of Dr. Nadas' upcoming centennial birthday. One hundred years young in November, his vitality and youthful spirit continue to radiate light, hope and possibility all around him.

Dr. Nadas was born in Kecskemet, Hungary in 1905. When he was 5 years old, the family moved to Transylvania, Hungary, now present-day Romania. His parents instilled in him a great love of culture, family, community, and above all, they taught their children to stand up for human ideals of freedom and human rights, regardless of the struggle inherent in the quest for liberty. Possessing a deep intellect and an unwavering search for knowledge and understanding, Dr. Nadas was awarded a Ph.D. in Political Economics from the Royal University of Political Economics. In 1945, Dr. Nadas and his new bride, Violet, fled Hungary because of the Russian communist invasion. They lost all of their possessions, including property they owned, and lived in exile in Austria, where Dr. Nadas took on menial jobs to support his family. In 1950, buoyed by the hope of freedom from oppression and the promise of opportunity, Dr. Nadas immigrated with his wife and children to America. From the age of 52 until age 70, Dr. Nadas worked as a tool and die maker for General Electric in Nela Park. Also during that time, until 2002, Dr. Nadas established Nadas Business Services, a retailer of fine Hungarian imports. Providing a good life for his family was always a priority. The center of family, Dr. Nadas is a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His commitment to family reflects his dedication to the community, where Dr. Nadas' promotion of Hungarian culture, history and people, and their courageous fight for freedom, is kept alive through his leadership and involvement in numerous Hungarian American organizations, including the Hungarian World Congress and the Hungarian Association of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and tribute of Dr. Julius Zoltan Nadas, for his immeasurable contributions to our country. His sacrifice, bravery and tenacity reflects the significant story of the immigrant—the story of those like Dr. Nadas, who endured great danger and sacrifice to escape the darkness of tyranny in search of freedom. Dr. Nadas continues to provide energy, inspiration and warmth to his family, and to the people of the Hungarian community of Greater Cleveland, and far beyond.

CONFLICT OVER THE BAKASSI PENINSULA OF CAMEROON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the ongoing conflict over the Bakassi Peninsula of Cameroon.

Three years ago, the International Court of Justice ruled that the Bakassi Peninsula belonged solely to the Republic of Cameroon and President Obasanjo of Nigeria promised to abide by the court's ruling and remove his troops. However, I am concerned with the fact that this has not occurred. I support continued progress in Cameroon, both economically and politically. America must continue to remain active in the support of democracy and the rule of law around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate being able to bring this important situation to your attention and I look forward to working with my colleagues on a solution.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AU- THORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, (H.R. 3070) to reauthorize the human space flight, aeronautics, and science programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes:

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I want to express my full support of H.R. 3070, the NASA Authorization Act of 2005. This bill is truly a product of the spirit of cooperation fostered by the Chairman and ranking member of the Science Committee, Mr. BOEHLERT and Mr. GORDON.

Although reservations of the initial draft led the House Science Democratic Caucus to offer H.R. 3250, an authorization alternative, Mr. GORDON, as well as our Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee ranking member, Mr. UDALL, never terminated negotiations with Chairman BOEHLERT and Subcommittee Chairman CALVERT.

The evolution of H.R. 3070 reflects the strong character and leadership necessary to allow this great body to produce legislation beneficial to all of the American people. It encompasses important provisions from both bills and reinforces the bipartisan congressional support for NASA. As one of the Members that represent NASA workers at Johnson Space Center, I am proud to support the version of H.R. 3070 brought before the House today.

H.R. 3070 provides focus and direction not only to accomplish the important mission of manned space exploration but also to bolster resources for robust aeronautics and basic research programs. It addresses the necessity to strengthen business, community, and educational partnerships and provides guidelines to ensure NASA's success.

I ask that all of my colleagues follow the lead of our Science Committee chairman and ranking member, and I urge the unanimous support of H.R. 3070.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
GUY SMITH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Guy Smith; and

Whereas, Guy Smith was a loving father and grandfather to the members of his family. He will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him because of his upright character, honesty and loyalty; and

Whereas, Guy Smith was a veteran of the 95th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 5th Armored Division in World War II where he served his country bravely; and

Whereas, the respect and true friendship to which Guy Smith gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. He was the beloved five-time mayor of Dover. His dedication to the community gave joy to all who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Guy Smith.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM C. BOEHM,
FOUNDER OF THE SINGING ANGELS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of William C. Boehm, admired conductor, tenor, mentor and founder of the Singing Angels, as he is honored today by the Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve with the Herrick Memorial Award for Civic Achievement.

A nationally highly revered tenor, performer and award-winning choreographer and director, Mr. Boehm founded the Singing Angels in Cleveland, OH in 1964, to promote the energy and joy of singing, and specifically, to share the melodic and inspirational song of children. For many years, Mr. Boehm meticulously and lovingly choreographed and planned every note of each composition. Though he no longer arranges the music, he remains the heart, soul and song of the Singing Angels. Because of his direction and unwavering commitment, the Singing Angels, a self-sustaining organization, have achieved national and international acclaim, and have performed around the world, including traveling across three continents and 29 countries.

Equipped with natural-born musical gifts, passion for the arts and a deep concern for the children of the community, Mr. Boehm's

musical vocation has served to enrich the lives of countless children and adults, and has inspired hundreds of children to pursue professions framed by music and song. Mr. Boehm's guidance and leadership has created a universal model of artistic excellence, framed by significant life lessons for the young participants—respect for others, personal achievement and working as a team.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude to Mr. William C. Boehm, for his continued leadership, dedication and energy as the founder and core source of inspiration for the Singing Angels. Mr. Boehm's work and promotion of the arts in Cleveland and beyond has served as a source of good will and joy since 1964. The impact the Singing Angels experience continues to have on the children who participate is immeasurable, and will forever provide a light of energy and song within their lives, and within the lives of all those who hear them sing. Mr. Boehm has provided the world with young ambassadors of song, their music soaring aloft and connecting the entire world with a universal language of hope, possibility, goodness and song.

STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THE
31ST ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S
INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Hellenic Caucus, I rise today to recognize the 31st anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus. On this occasion, we mourn those who lost their lives and remember the barrier created on July 20, 1974. Sadly, that barrier still exists today, and despite attempts for a reunification settlement, the island remains divided between the Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots. I thank Mrs. MALONEY and Mr. BILIRAKIS for their ongoing leadership in the Hellenic Caucus and for bringing much-needed attention to issues of importance to the Hellenic community.

On the occasion of this anniversary, in addition to mourning and remembering, let us also look forward to the promise of a peaceful settlement to the ongoing division in Cyprus, a goal that has eluded American and European leaders for more than 30 years. I have repeatedly called for a strong U.S. commitment to Cyprus as one of our Nation's top foreign policy priorities. As Americans, we must guarantee that our foreign policy reflects our values of justice, equality and responsibility, and promoting a lasting peace and stability in Cyprus illustrates those values. The United States holds a unique position of trust with both Greece and Turkey, and we must use our influence to work toward a solution that is acceptable and equitable to all of Cyprus's residents.

The European Union will also play an important role in charting the future of Cyprus. I was a strong advocate of Cyprus's accession to the EU because Cyprus, like the United States, shares a commitment to democracy, human rights, and the concept of equal justice

under the law. Now that Cyprus is a member, it will benefit significantly from increased trade and economic investment while contributing its diversity and history to that of the EU.

Turkey's desire to enter the EU provides a prime opportunity for Cyprus. The international community must demand that Turkey demonstrate its support for reunification as a requirement to become a participant in the Europe of the future. If Turkey wishes to increase its global profile and to gain the world's respect, it must earn it by demonstrating its commitment to peace in Cyprus. By putting pressure on Turkish Cypriot leaders and reducing its military presence, Turkey can prove that it can work in the international framework to encourage a lasting peace in Cyprus.

Despite the obstacles and disappointments we have experienced in the past, we cannot abandon our vision of a Cyprus that is again unified and able to reach its fullest potential in the international arena. We should heed the words of the Greek Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos: "We are determined to try, until the end, in a peaceful manner and through negotiations, to end the invasion and occupation. The people should be brave, patient, and work hard." Patience in particular is tantamount to this endeavor. A lasting solution is not one that will be attained with the implementation of a rushed plan.

The United States has stood beside Cyprus in the past, and we will undoubtedly maintain this strong relationship for years to come. Again, I thank my colleagues on the Hellenic Caucus for their recognition of this important event.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAYNE COUNTY FAIR

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Wayne County Fair. The Wayne County Fair finds its origins back in 1849, when a group of citizens from Palmyra, NY, decided to hold a fair in Hathaway's Grove. Since that date, the Wayne County Fair has continued to be a special event for the people of central and western New York. During the 1930s and 1940s, the fair was known as one of the best county fairs in the State. As our Nation experienced the troublesome times of World War II, the Wayne County Fair did its part by dedicating that year's theme as "Food Fights for Freedom". Over the years, numerous dignitaries have visited the fair ranging from Governors and State senators to U.S. Congressman and State assemblymen. The Wayne County Fair means so many different things to many people, providing a place for families to meet old friends and make new ones.

On behalf of those who have experienced this wonderful fair, both past and present, the citizens of Palmyra, and the people of central and western New York, I extend my best wishes and many more successful years to the Wayne County Fair.